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SUBJ: PRIME MINISTER'S MEETING WITH CRC EXECUTIVE

REF: CAPE TOWN 0877

1. PRESS REPORTS THAT OCTOBER 20 MEETING BETWEEN PRIME MINISTER AND COLORED LEADERS ENDED IN AN IMPASSE. TALKS LASTED FOUR HOURS AND WERE DESCRIBED AS "FULL AND FRANK" WITH, IN LEON'S WORDS, "NO PUNCHES BARRED". MINISTER COLOURED RELATIONS VAN DER MERWE AND MINISTRY SECRETARY SMIT AS WELL AS LEON'S FELLOW EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS CURRY, MIDDLETON, FORTUIN AND HENDRICKSE ATTENDED.

2. PRIME MINISTER APPARENTLY OFFERED LITTLE MORE THAN BARE BONES OF HIS PROPOSED CABINET COUNCIL AND DECLINED SUPPLY DETAILS OF WHAT HE HAD IN MIND FOR COLORED PEOPLE. HE MADE IT CLEAR THAT GOVERNMENT'S POLICY OF SEPARATE DEVELOPMENT STOOD FIRM. LEON TOLD PRESS THAT "THEREFORE IN NO CIRCUMSTANCES CAN WE EXPECT TO BE PART OF THE LAWMAKING PROCESS OF OUR COUNTRY". BECAUSE OF THIS LEON SAID, HIS EXECUTIVE COULD NOT COMMIT ITSELF ON GOVERNMENT'S PROPOSAL UNTIL IT HAD REPORTED BACK TO LABOR PARTY. ACCORDING TO PRESS, FINAL ANSWER TO PRIME MINISTER'S PROPOSAL IS LIKELY TO EMERGE FROM MEETING OF PARTY'S NATIONAL EXECUTIVE ON

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NOVEMBER 8/9 AND FINALLY FROM ITS NATIONAL CONGRESS, NEXT

JANUARY.

3. PRESS REPORTED THAT, WHEN LEON DECLARED THAT HE REACHED IM-PASSE PRIME MINISTER ANGRILY RETORTED THAT LABOR PARTY WAS NOT GIVING GOVERNMENT ENOUGH CREDIT FOR WHAT IT HAD ACHIEVED. JOINT STATEMENT ISSUED AFTER MEETING SAID THAT BECAUSE OF "WIDE FIELD OF THE MATTER" IT HAD BEEN DECIDED FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WOULD BE HELD.

4. ON OCTOBER 20 PRESS HAD REPORTED THAT LEADING FEDERAL PARTY AND SOME NOMINATED MEMBERS OF CRC WILL MEET WITH PRIME MINISTER ON OCTOBER 29 IN EFFORT TO GET HIM TO SPELL OUT FUTURE OF COLOREDS.

5. COMMENT BY SEPTTEL.  
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